

XLVII CONGRESS—IIIrd SESSION.

REGULAR REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.
MAKING JUSTICE FOR THE INDIANS—DEBATE ON FREE
SHIPS—REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE GIVING
WARNING.

Senate.....WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 1881.
A petition signed by John Welsh, Bishop
Hinsdale, the Rev. Joseph Cook, Wendell Phillips, and
32,000 others, praying Congress to observe the treaty
hereinafter made with the Indian tribes and in the future
to do justice to the remnants of that people, was pre-
sented by Mr. DAWEY (Rep., Mass.) Referred to the
Committee on Indian Affairs.

The following bills were reported from committees and
placed on the calendar:

By Mr. CONKLING (Rep., N. Y.)—From the Committee
on Commerce, with an amendment, to authorize the
construction and maintenance of a railway bridge
across the Niagara River.

By Mr. WHITFORD (Dem., Md.)—From the Committee on
Printing, favorably. House passed, with an amendment re-
quiring 30,000 copies of the most recent revised edition of
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mission, being a report on the cotton worm, with the
means of controlling its ravages. Passed finally.

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buying or advertising any article, taking as his text it
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laws prohibiting our citizens from purchasing ships
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the restoration of them at any time to the United States citizens. He
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nations either for our own carrying trade or the foreign
trade, because every nation on the globe was taken up
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CONKLING (Dem., Ill.) demanded the previous question,
and the Republicans refused to vote. The House was
left without a quorum.

The House then, at 5 o'clock, adjourned until to-
morrow.

On motion of Mr. WINDOM (Rep., Minn.), the Senate
took up the Naval Appropriation bill, and voted to
admit the amendments of the committee, and that the amount added to the bill as passed
by the House was \$259,750, making the total as referred to
the Senate \$14,720,787.55, which was \$301,943 less than
the estimate and \$314,937 in excess of the bill of
the House.

In the Committee of the Whole the amendments of the
Senate Committee were agreed to, as was also an
amendment offered by Mr. BURNSIDE (Rep., R. I.) ad-
mitting boys to the Naval Training School at four-
teen years of age, instead of sixteen, years of age.

The bill was then reported to the Senate and passed
finally.

The following bills were then generally considered:

Mr. MILLER (Rep., Iowa).—A bill relating to the interest on the 3-65 bonds of the District of Columbia. Passed.

On motion of Mr. KERNAN (Dem., N. Y.), authorizing
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